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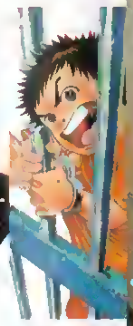

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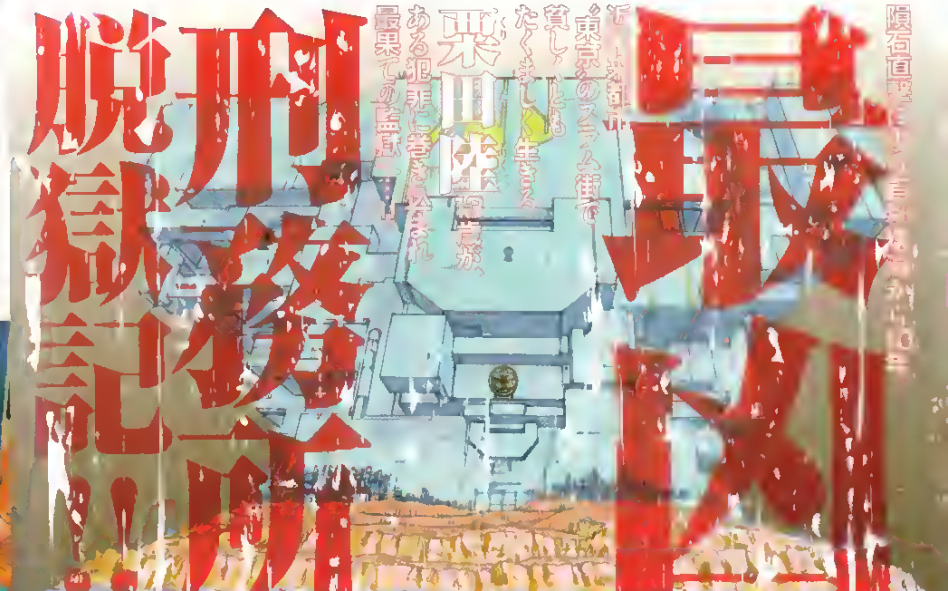

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TEXT: AN EXEMPLARY RECENT REPRESENTATION OF MY WORKPLACE.

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SHINOBU SEGUCHI

FLEETING AND POWERLESS. DESPITE THAT, WHEN WE ARE KNOCKED DOWN, WE RISE TO OUR FEET AND CARRY ONWARDS NO MATTER WHAT. THAT IS MY DEFINITION OF HUMANITY'S POTENTIAL.

EVEN IN THIS STORY, THE CENTRAL FOCUS IS THAT OF A BOY WHO RESOLVES TO NEVER SURRENDER.

ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I HOPE THE THEMES AND MESSAGE OF THIS STORY BRINGS FORTH THE SPIRIT AND DETERMINATION OF HUMANITY FOR ALL WHO EXPERIENCE IT.

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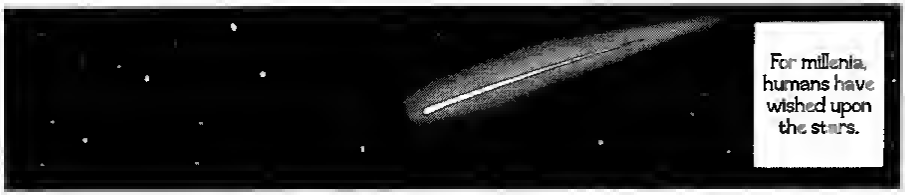
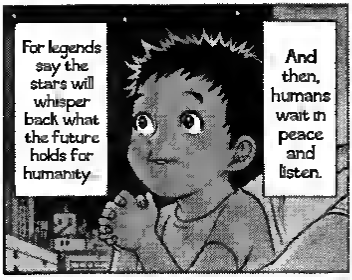
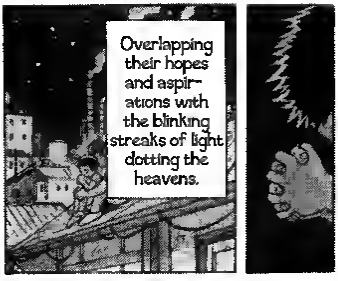
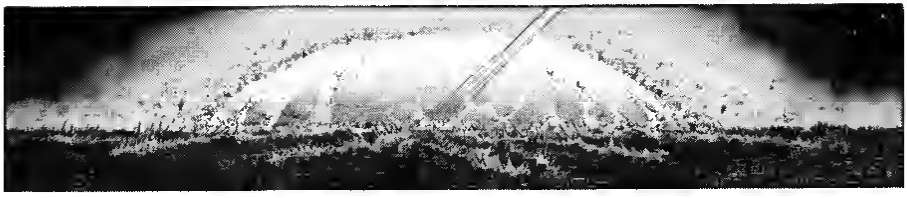

For millenia, humans have wished upon the stars.

That night
Legend became reality. The stars replied to humanity

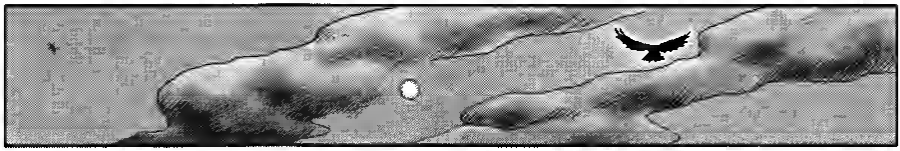

For legends say the stars will whisper back what the future holds for humanity
And then, humans wait in peace and listen.


Overlapping their hopes and aspirations with the blinking streaks of light dotting the heavens.

NOT WITH A WHISPER, BUT A THUNDEROUS ROAR.



BY METEOR IMPACT
TOKYO DECIMATED
CHAPTER 1: PARADISE

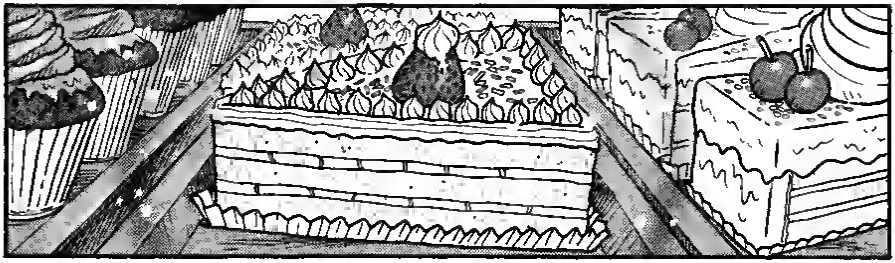


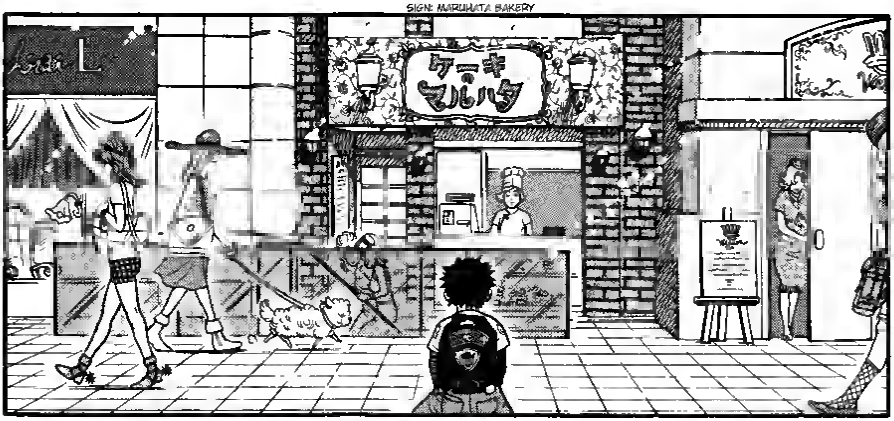
Ten years later...
JULY 8TH. 10TH YEAR OF THE PARADISE ERA.

A REAL BROTHER WOULD DIVIDE UP THE FOOD AND SHARE IT WITH HIS SIBLINGS!!
I WANT SOME!
YOU'RE SUCH A HORRIBLE BROTHER!!
GIVE IT BACK!! THAT WAS MY LUNCH!!
IT'S MINE...
IKI

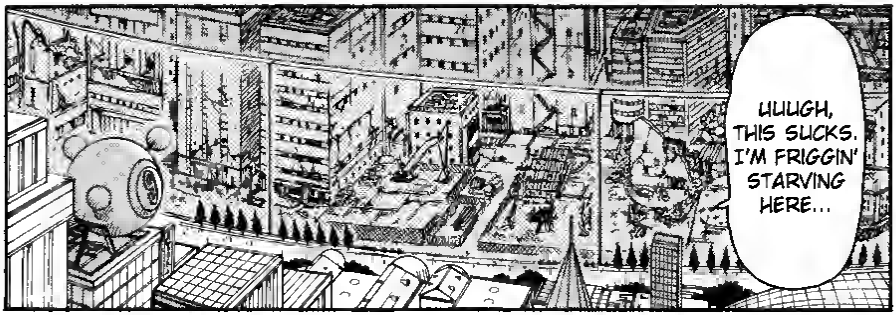
HOME...?
QUIT ARGUING ABOUT WHO GETS TO SHOVE WHAT DOWN THEIR GULLET RIGHT OUTSIDE SOMEBODY'S HOME!
SHUD-DAAA-AAP!!
SFX: POINT
NAMEPLATE: KURITA RIKU
THAT MAKES THIS A HOUSE!!
ピシッ
NAME-PLATE!!
1982
SFX: THMP
RESIDENT OF THIS FINE AUTO-MOBILE!!
I'M KURITA RIKU!
ドン

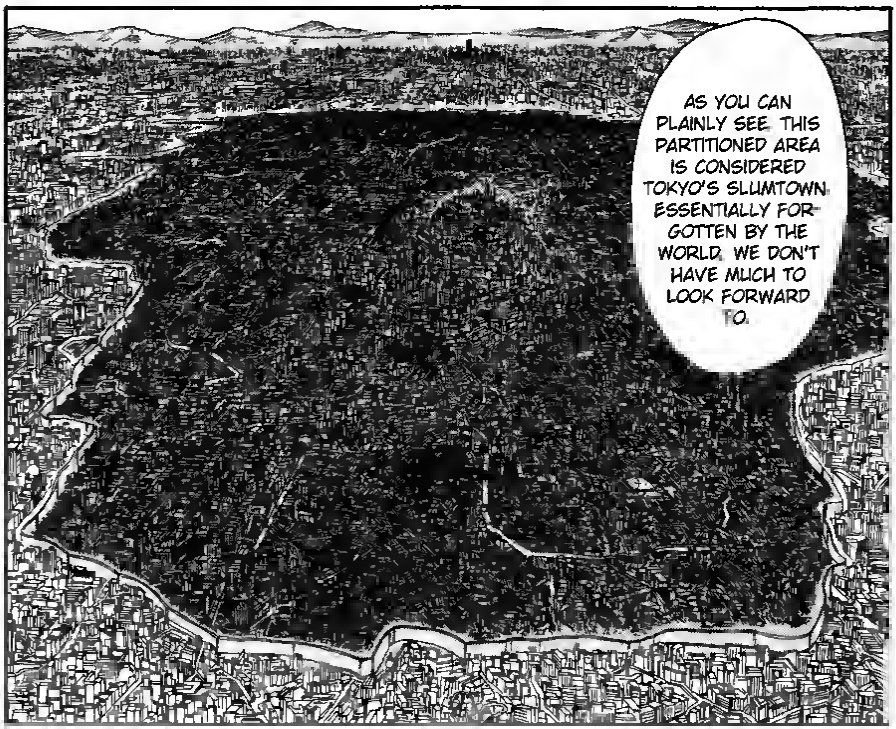
SFX: CHAK
KEEP QUIET AND HAND OVER ALL THE FOOD YOU GOT STASHED IN THERE!
LIKE WE GIVE A DAMN!!
!!
TUUUG
SORRY, BUT THAT'S MY LINE IN THESE CIRCUM-STANCES.
SFX: GRIII, STHEEEETCH
!
...
HANG ON A SEC

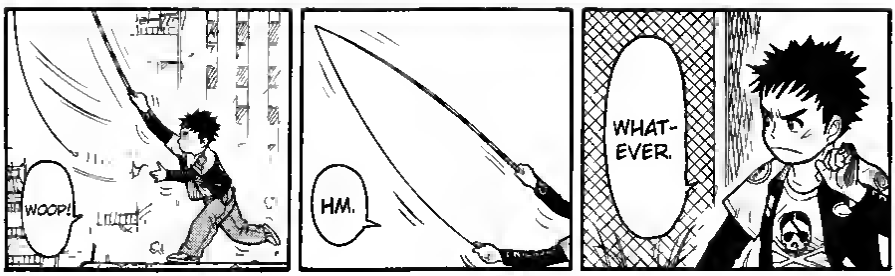


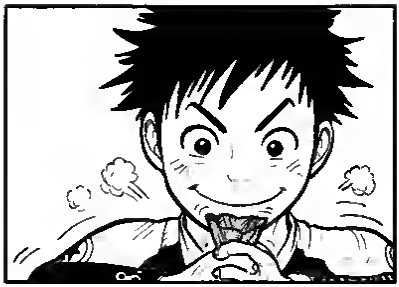

SIGNE MARUHATA BAKERY
ケーキ
マルハタ

SFX: BONK
ゴン
!
GRRRM-MMBBB
SFX: SNIFF
ゴクリ…

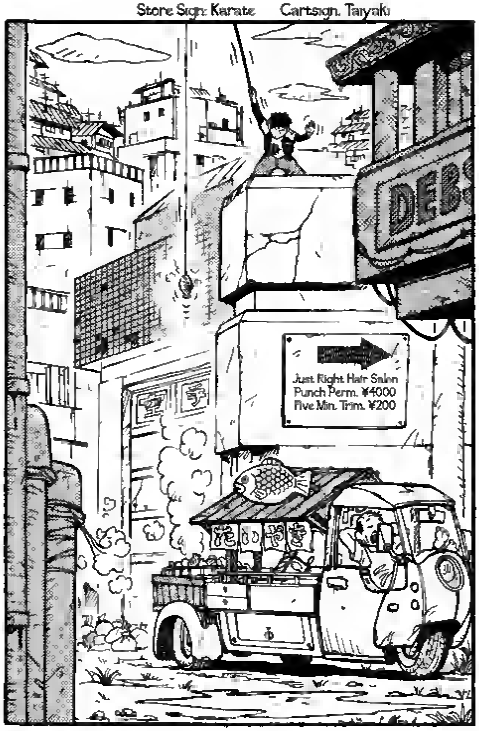

UUUGH, THIS SUCKS. I'M FRIGGIN' STARVING HERE...

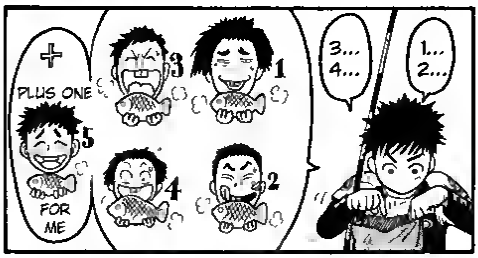

AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, THIS PARTITIONED AREA IS CONSIDERED TOKYO'S SLUMTOWN. ESSENTIALLY FORGOTTEN BY THE WORLD. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

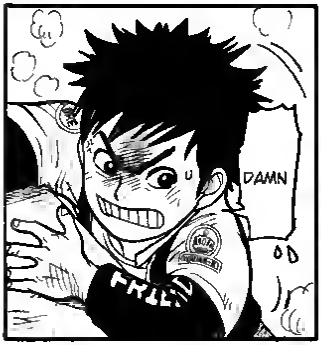

WOOP!
HM.
WHATEVER.



Store Sign: Karate Cartoon: Taiyaki







SFX. CLOMP CLOMP CLOMP
You'll have to pry em from my cold, dead hands kid! Hahaha!
YIKES! HERE HE COMES!!
HAND 'EM OVER!!
JUST YOU WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON YOU, PAL!!
WHAT THE HECK'S WRONG WITH THIS STUPID TOWN?
LIKE HELL YOU'RE GETTING AWAY FROM ME!
PERS-ISTENT LITTLE FRUIT!!
SFX. SPRINGING
SHUD-DAP!!
THE MOMENT YOU PAUSE TO CATCH YOUR BREATH, YOU ARE SCREWED!
AERIAL INTER-CEPTION!
SFX. BWOOF
ALLEY-OOP!!
!
AH

SFX: RRRRATTLE
GRIP
GRAK
CRAAAAAAP, I MISJUDGED THE JUMP!!
SFX: GRRRING, WAAAGH, WHOA!
GRAK
DONK
GUNK
RRRATTLE
GRIP
BANG

SAFE!
...
SFX: BRRRRMMM

EVEN THOUGH I SMELL LIKE BUTT, I'M GLAD THIS LANDFILL WAS RIGHT WHERE I FELL!
CLOSE CALL...
UGH, GROSS.
...
PUT IT ON MUTE!!
GRRRRRNGH
GRRR-RMBH!!
GRRR-RRNN-NGH
COME ON, DUDE.
ALRIGHT, JIG'S UP, JERKFACE. HAND OVER MY FOOD.
...
GOT ME? ONLY TAKE ONE!!
YOU CAN HAVE ONE TAIYAKI. THAT'S IT!
CRIPES, FINE!!
...

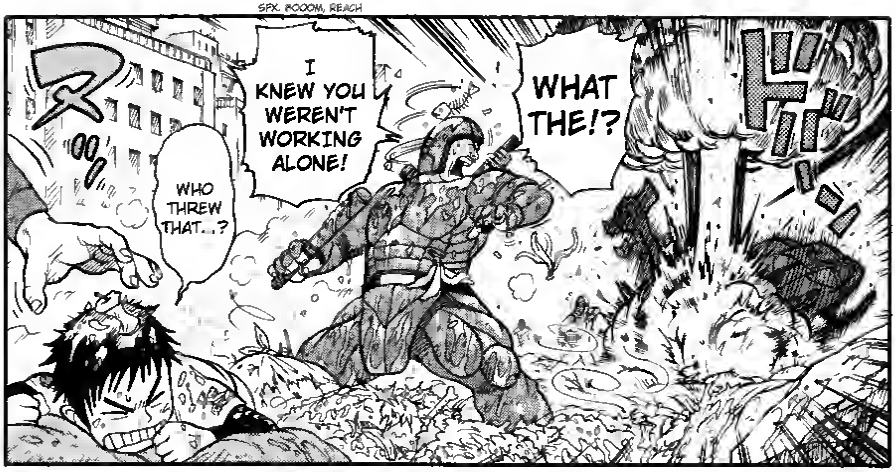
SFX: SWOSHSWOSHSWOSH
SPECIAL FORCES!? SPEC OPS IS COMING FOR US! WE'RE SCREWED!!
!
AHHH-HHHHH SHIT!!
DANGIT, MY LEG'S CAUGHT ON SOMETHING!
WHAT!?
IF THOSE JERKS CORNER US, WE'RE TAKING A ONE WAY TRIP TO THE SLAMMER!
OH, COME ON! SURE, WE MIGHT HAVE CAUSED A BIT OF AN UPROAR AND STRUCTURAL DAMAGE BUT A MAN'S GOTTA EAT! WE BETTER MAKE A BREAK FOR IT, BALDY!
SFX: CHWOSHCHWOSHCHWOSH
SFX: FWOSHFWOSHFWOSH
Remember, it is your obligation as citizens to cooperate in official investigations. Anyone acting as an accomplice or aiding in concealment of a criminal is eligible for arrest and detainment!
Therefore, it would be in your best interest to assist us in the procedure! Eyewitnesses, please point out the alleged culprit as swiftly and accurately as possible!
Attention, citizens! The sooner we can identify the ringleader in this brazen display of property damage, the faster you can all get back to your lives!!

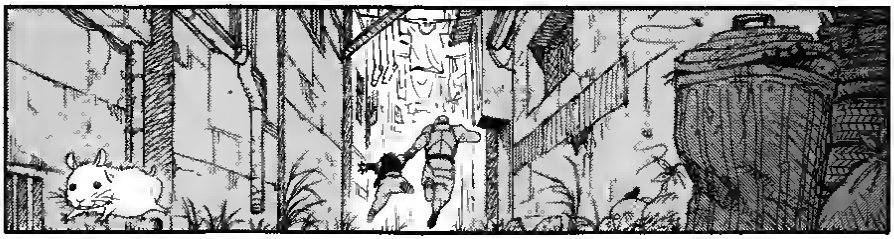
CRAP.
SFX FLINT
THAT IS ALL!
SFX BWOOOOOOOOM
ドリオオ
オン
A DECLAR-ATAION!!
WE OF THE SLUM DISTRICT SPECIAL OPERATIVE FORCES, IN THE INTEREST OF PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY, OPERATE UNDER THE JUSTICE AND EQUALITY REGULATIONS ORDAINED UPON US BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT!
NOW, ONTO THE IMPORTANT PART IN ORDER TO HASTILY RESTORE PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, THE TRIAL NORMALLY RESERVED FOR CRIMINAL ACTS OF AN EXTREME MANNER CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH IMMEDIATE ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT DUE TO THE LEGISLATIVE POWERS BESTOWED UPON THE SPECIAL OPERATIVE FORCES!
EVERY TIME WE COME DOWN TO THE SLUMS I WANNA GET THE HELL OUT ASAP
SNIFF SNIFF
CHRIST. DO WE HAVE TO STAND HERE THE ENTIRE TIME? IT REEKS!!
SFX ZZZZFT
WITNESSES IN THE VICINITY HAVE UNANIMOUSLY DETERMINED YOU AS THE TERRORIST BEHIND THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL DAMAGE EXPERIENCE BY MANY ON THIS DAY.
YOU HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE CULPRIT IN THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT.
BOY.
SFX THUD

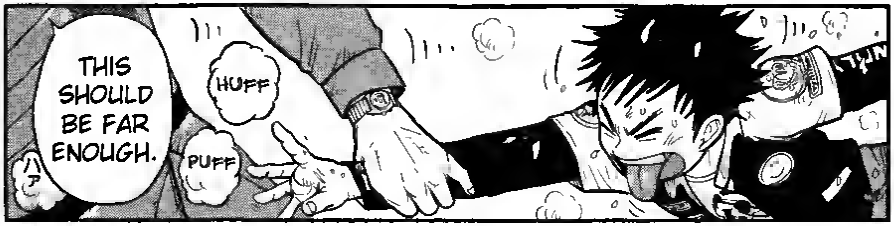
ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS SAVING YOUR OWN BACON
!
HUH?
WHE-RE?
OH! OVER THERE!!
YOU DICK...
TAM
WHOA! CHECK IT OUT!!
POPPA, WHERE'D YOU GO? WE WERE WORRIED SICK ABOUT YA!!
SFX: TWITCH
VERY WELL. ARE YOU INDEED SOLELY RESPON-SIBLE FOR THIS INCIDENT, BOY!?
...
You rock, Poppa!
Yay!
SFX: WAHOO
UNDERSTAND KID, I GOT A FAMILY TO FEED I CAN'T TAKE THE HIT ON THIS ONE

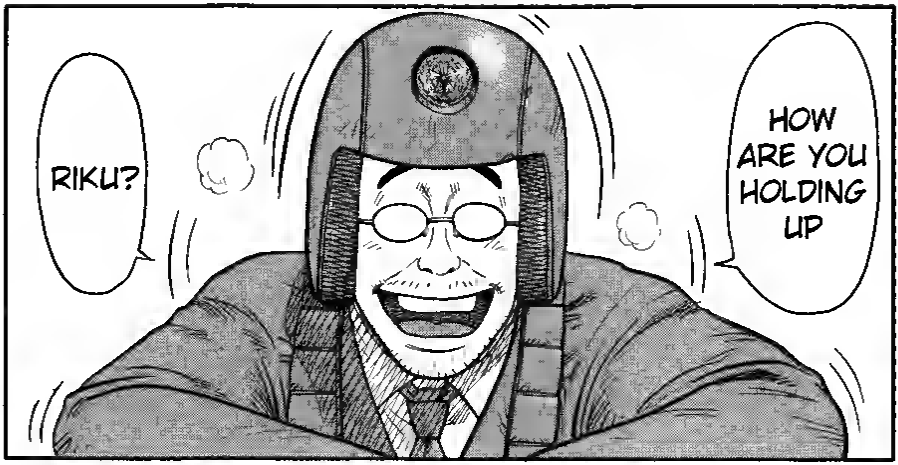
SFX: PWOOOH
FOR THAT YOU MUST BE PUN-ISHED!!
!
LYING TO COVER UP THE TRUTH WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, PUNK.
I CAUSED ALL THIS MYSELF!!
DAMN STRAIGHT!!
SFX: KABOOOOOOOM
!?
!?
SFX: VWIP
!
!

SFX: POOOM, REACH

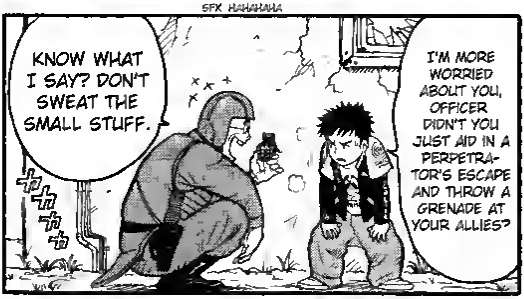







RIKU?
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP

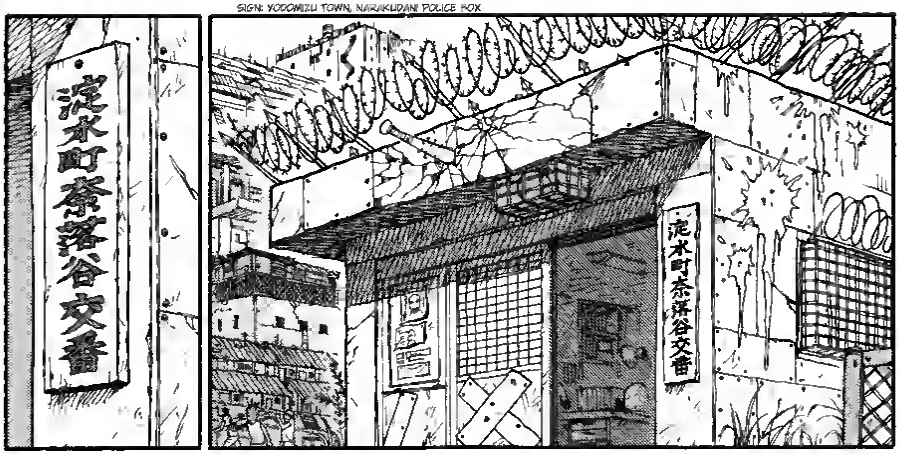
RIIIIGHT..

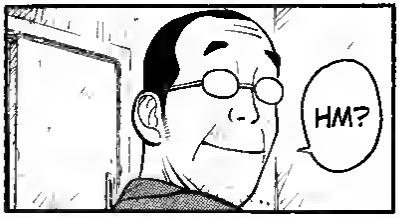

SFX HAHAHAHA
KNOW WHAT I SAY? DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF.
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU, OFFICER DIDN'T YOU JUST AID IN A PERPETRATOR'S ESCAPE AND THROW A GRENADE AT YOUR ALLIES?

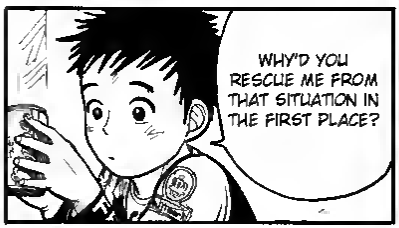
I BET YOU'RE THIRSTY AS A CAMEL! HOW ABOUT AN ICE COLD CAN OF JUICE ON ME WHEN WE GET BACK TO THE POLICE BOX!?
EH?
JUICE!? SIGN ME UP!!
GOOD!
NEXT TIME, I'LL TRY ASKING BEFORE TAKING.
YOU GOT A DEAL.

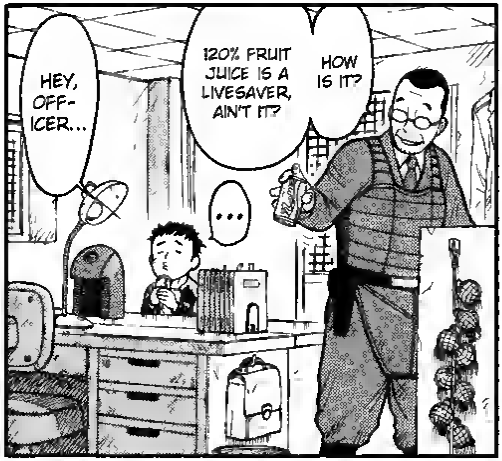
FROM NOW ON, REFRAIN FROM HELPING YOURSELF TO THE DELICIOUS HAM I KEEP IN THE FRIDGE AT THE POLICE BOX.
OOPS... BUSTED.
JUST PROMISE ME ONE THING, MY BOY.
!

SIGN: YODOMIZU TOWN, NARAKUDANI POLICE BOX





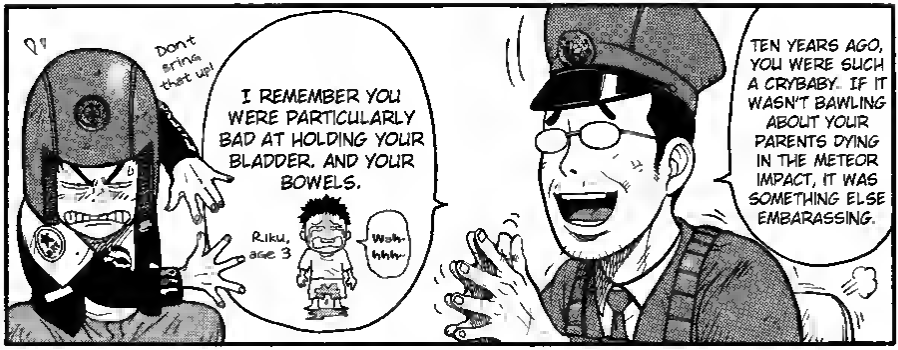


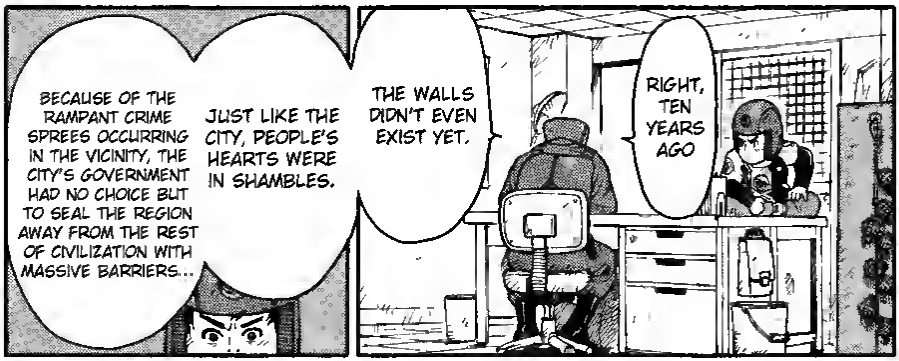


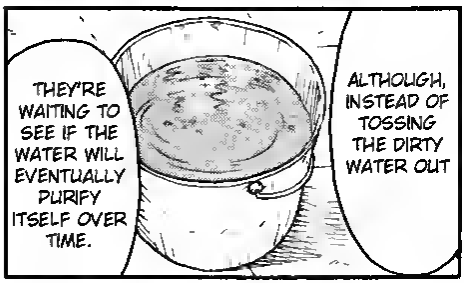
SFX: GLUG GLUG

BUT ME? I THINK IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING TO POSSESS. I LOVE IT.
MIGHT AS WELL CALL KINDNESS A TRAIT OF AN ENDANGERED SPECIES. EVERY-BODY ELSE WOULD SAY YOU WERE CRAZY FOR WHAT YOU DID.
HUH?
ゴク ゴク
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SEEN SOME-ONE LIE TO PRO-TECT ANOTHER HUMAN BEING.
WELL.

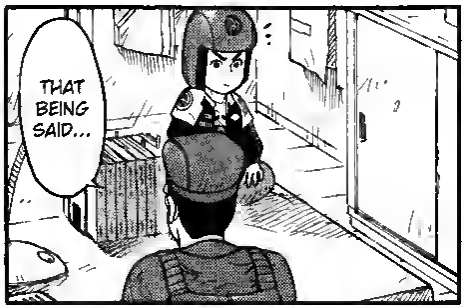
SFX SHAHAHAHA
IT'S OUR DUTY AS RESPONSIBLE HUMAN BEINGS TO PRESERVE ENDANGERED SPECIES!
DO I LOOK LIKE AN ANIMAL TO YOU?
YOU SAY YOU LOVE BEING KIND..
BUT YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT
HM?
...
B-BELIEVE ME, I DIDN'T FORGET!
AND YOU FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!
Tell the truth!!
YESTERDAY... IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY, Y'KNOW?
EH!?
SFX SWITCHEROO
ARE YOU... TRYING TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT?
HARD TO BELIEVE YOU'RE 13 ALREADY, RIKU...
When I first met you you were small enough to hold in my arms...
I MIXED IT UP AND THOUGHT IT WAS TODAY INSTEAD...
SORRY..
DON'T PLAY DUMB!! YOU PROMISED WE'D EAT A BUNCH OF CAKE AND PARTY THE NIGHT AWAY!!


Don't bring that up!
I REMEMBER YOU WERE PARTICULARLY BAD AT HOLDING YOUR BLADDER. AND YOUR BOWELS.
Riku, age 3
Wah-hhh-
TEN YEARS AGO, YOU WERE SUCH A CRYBABY. IF IT WASN'T BAWLING ABOUT YOUR PARENTS DYING IN THE METEOR IMPACT, IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE EMBARASSING.


BECAUSE OF THE RAMPANT CRIME SPREES OCCURRING IN THE VICINITY, THE CITY'S GOVERNMENT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SEAL THE REGION AWAY FROM THE REST OF CIVILIZATION WITH MASSIVE BARRIERS...
JUST LIKE THE CITY, PEOPLE'S HEARTS WERE IN SHAMBLES.
THE WALLS DIDN'T EVEN EXIST YET.
RIGHT, TEN YEARS AGO

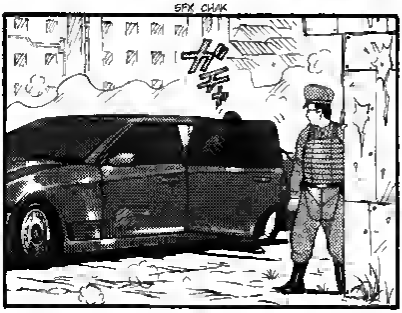

THEY'RE WAITING TO SEE IF THE WATER WILL EVENTUALLY PURIFY ITSELF OVER TIME.
ALTHOUGH, INSTEAD OF TOSSING THE DIRTY WATER OUT

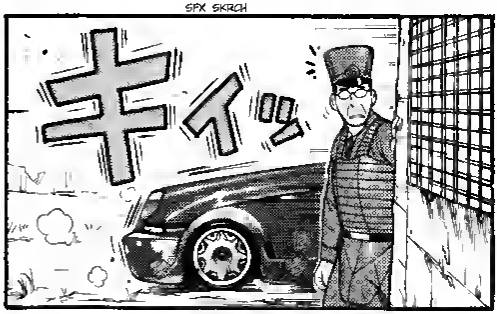
ESSENTIALLY, WE'RE LIVING IN A BUCKET... SLOWLY DROWNING IN LEAKING WATER THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO STOP FROM SPILLING ONTO THE MAJORITY OF SOCIETY.


THAT BEING SAID...

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THE SLUMS WILL RECOVER!
WITH ENOUGH TIME, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY WILL COME BACK TO THEIR SENSES. TRUST ME!
THERE-FORE
RIKU.
ALWAYS BE-LIEVE IN A BRIGHTER TOMORROW AND STAY ALIVE.
SFX: BONK
OW!
HUH?
"HUH?"
AND THAT'S THE END
OF MY LESSON!
THAT WAS IT!? WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO YOUR PROM-ISES OF CAKE AND PARTYING!?
I EVEN PAID ATTENTION TO EVERY-THING YOU SAID!
HUU-UH!?

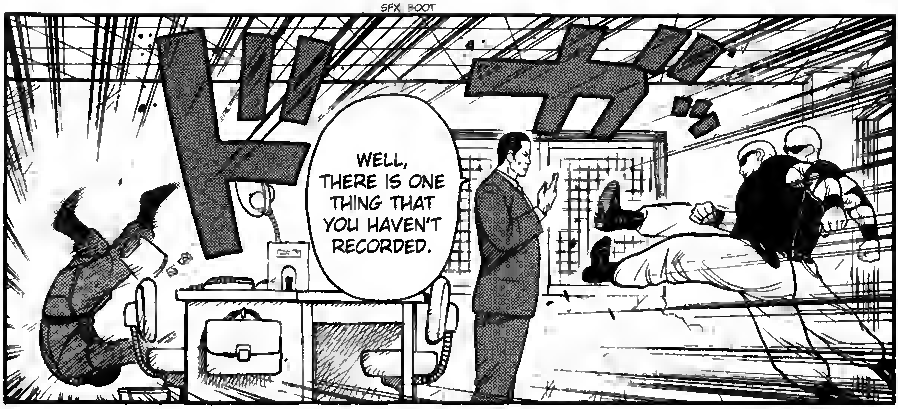
RIKU!
YOU'RE NUTHIN' BUT A DIRTY LIAR!
SCREW YOUR EMPTY PROMISES! I DON'T EVEN WANT CAKE ANYMORE!


SFX: CHAK


SFX: SKRCH
キィッ

CAN THE BULL-SHIT, OLD MAN.
HOW MAY I HELP YOU...? DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM TO REPORT, SIR...?
SFX: SHFF
I GOT WHAT I CAME FOR.
I LOVE THAT EXPRESSION A FLAWLESS REP-RESENTATION OF "WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?"
THERE
THIS CITY NEVER CEASES TO SURPRISE ME.
NICE TRY, THOUGH.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE NEWSPAPER YOU ATTEMPTED TO LEAK THIS DATA TO IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE.
THIS MICROCHIP HAS ENOUGH DIRT ON IT TO RUIN ME FOR SEVERAL LIFETIMES...

SFX: DOAKS
THE NUMBER OF ILLEGALLY POSSESSED FIREARMS I'VE CONFISCATED FROM CHILDREN IN THIS CITY IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS HAS REACHED 216! FURTHERMORE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE DIED FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS IS SITTING AT 231!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU THREATEN ME WITH, I UTTERLY REFUSE TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO YOUR ACTIONS!
CAN BE TRACED TO YOUR ILLEGAL SMUGGLING OPERATION!
ALL OF THEM
ALL OF YOUR FINDINGS ARE RECORDED ON THIS CHIP.
I KNOW.
HUMAN ORGAN TRADING! YOU PEOPLE ARE EVIL INCARNATE!!
DRUG OPERATIONS! PRODUCTION LABORATORIES! TRAFFICKING ROUTES!


SFX: BOOT
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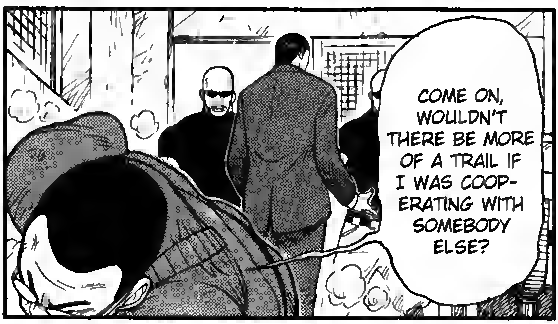
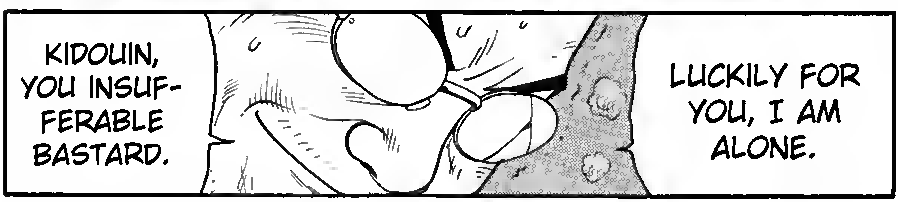
WELL, THERE IS ONE THING THAT YOU HAVEN'T RECORDED.


COME ON, WOULDN'T THERE BE MORE OF A TRAIL IF I WAS COOPERATING WITH SOMEBODY ELSE?

WHO ARE YOU WORKING WITH? I KNOW YOU AREN'T ALONE
ANSWER ME STRAIGHT OUT.


KIDOUIN, YOU INSUFFERABLE BASTARD.
LUCKILY FOR YOU, I AM ALONE.

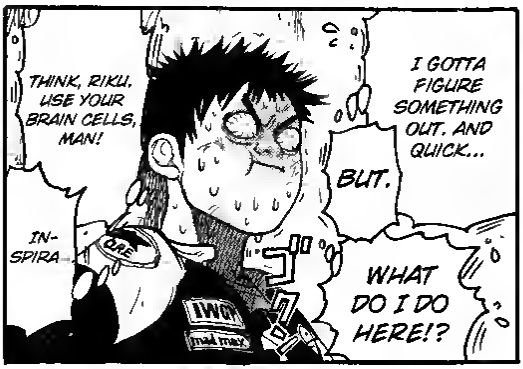
SFX: SHUUUUUUCCCCH!
I FORGOT TO RETURN THE HELMET!
キキィィッ!
GREAT JOB, ME!

...NO-BODY'S HOME...
HUH...?
GLECKH
!
GUESS HE MUST BE OUT PATROL-LING OR SOME-THING...
SFX: PEEK
THAT NOISE CAME FROM THE BACK..
...
OFF-ICER..?

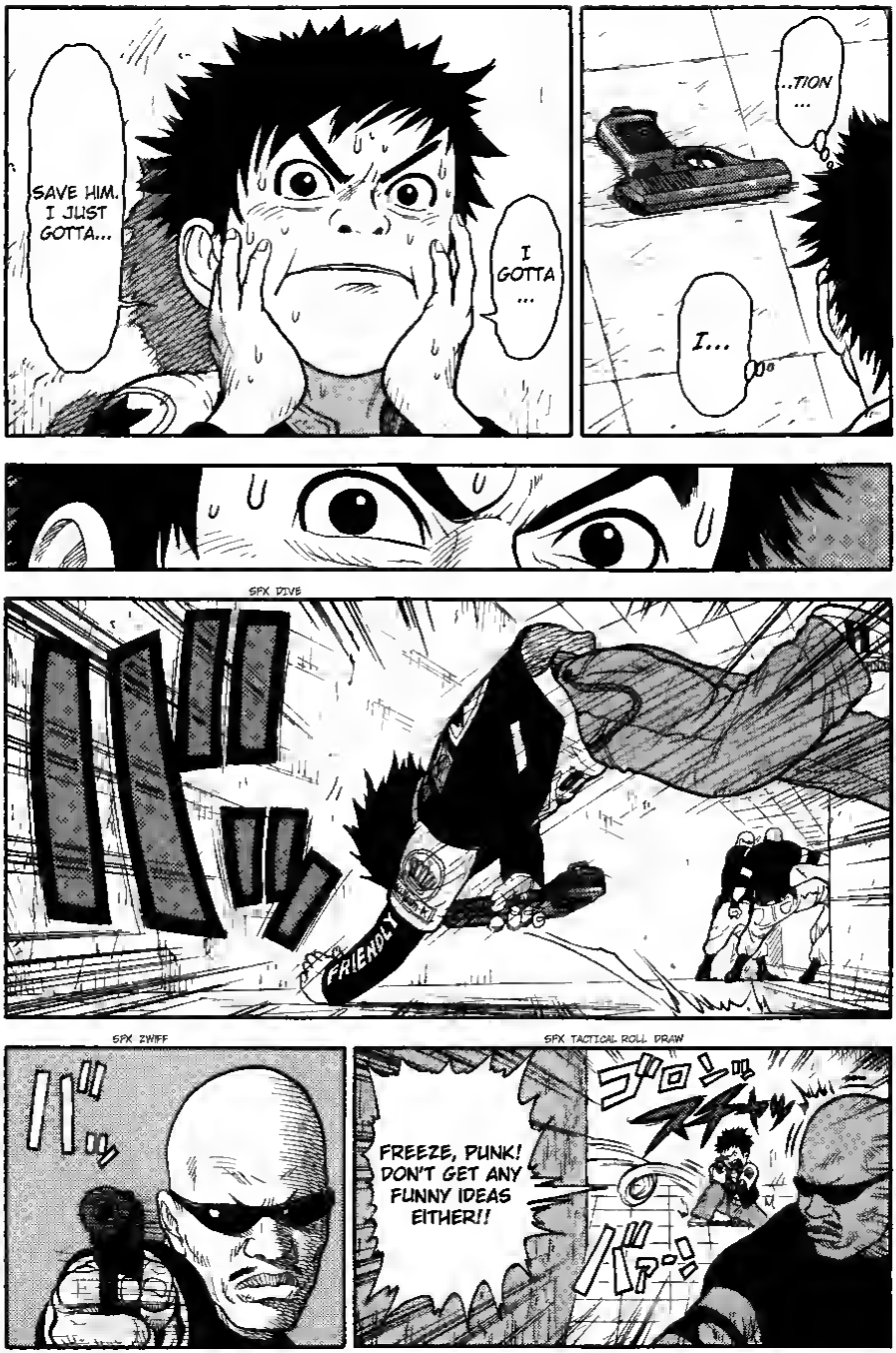
SFX THWUMP TWITCH ZIP
SFX SKRRRLLLLL TOK SPNNNN
!
SFX PATTING
!
ANSWER THE QUESTION.
RI-KU!?
!

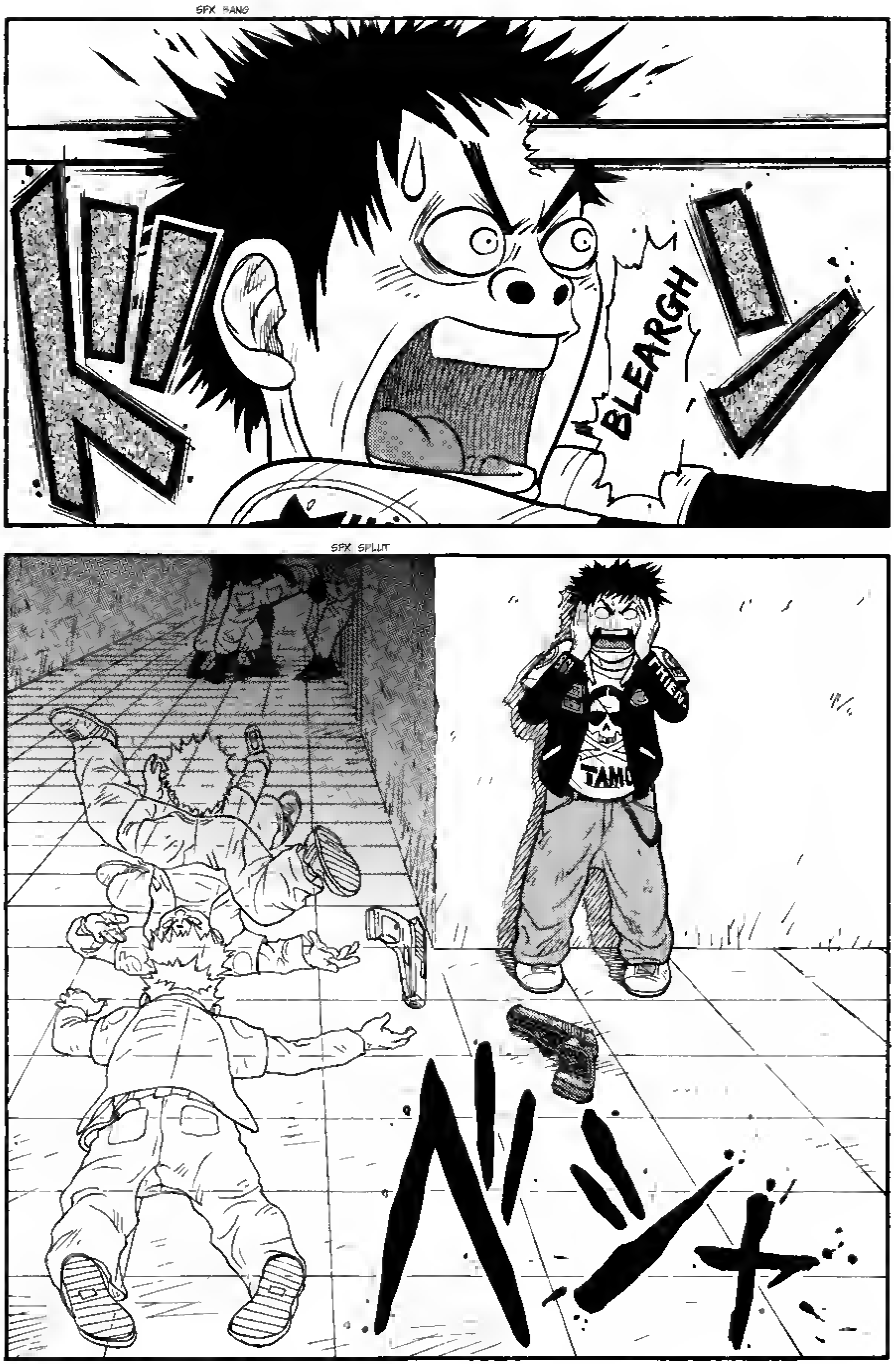
Hmmmm?
HURRY UP!
GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY FIND YOU!!
WHY DID YOU COME BACK!?
LEAVE ME BEHIND AND SAVE YOURSELF! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!!

GETTING HELP IN THIS TOWN? GOOD LUCK.
NO.
SHOULD I GO OUTSIDE AND ASK FOR HELP?

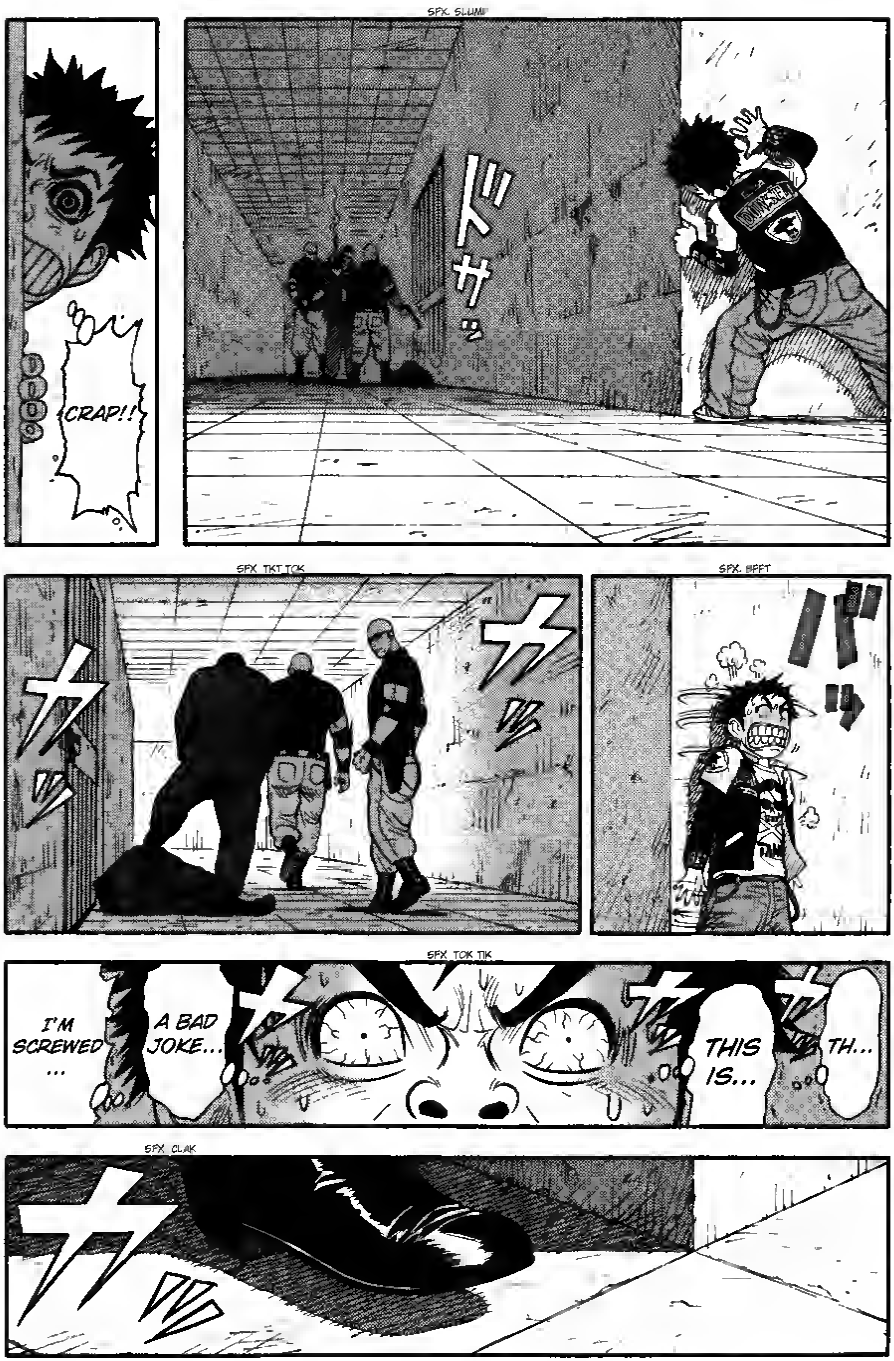

THINK, RIKU, USE YOUR BRAIN CELLS, MAN!
IN-SPIRA-
I GOTTA FIGURE SOMETHING OUT. AND QUICK...
BUT.
WHAT DO I DO HERE!?

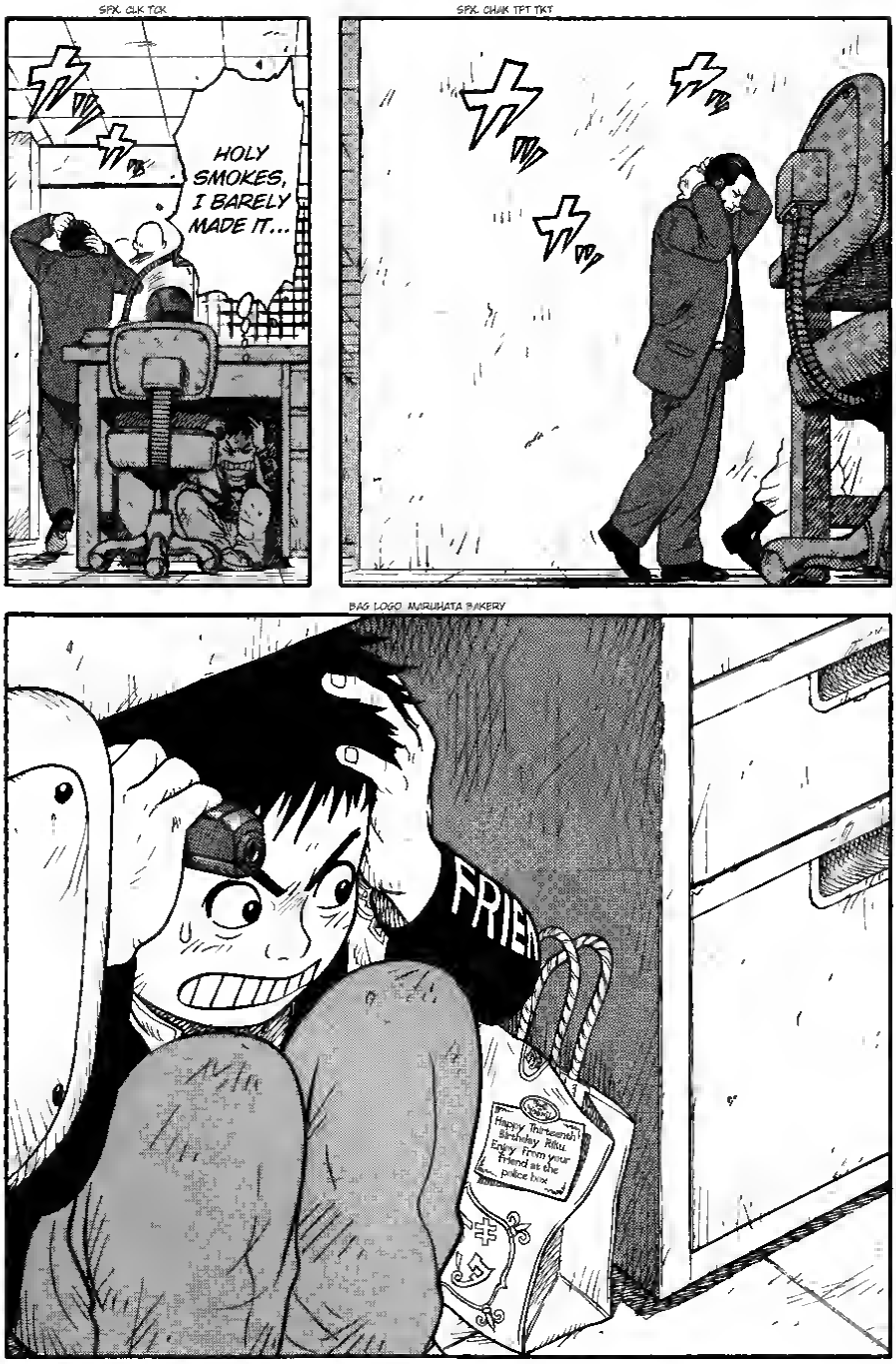
SFX: BWUFF


SAVE HIM. I JUST GOTTA...
I GOTTA ...
...TION ...
I...
SFX DIVE
FRIENDLY
SFX ZWIFF
SFX TACTICAL ROLL DRAW
FREEZE, PUNK! DON'T GET ANY FUNNY IDEAS EITHER!!

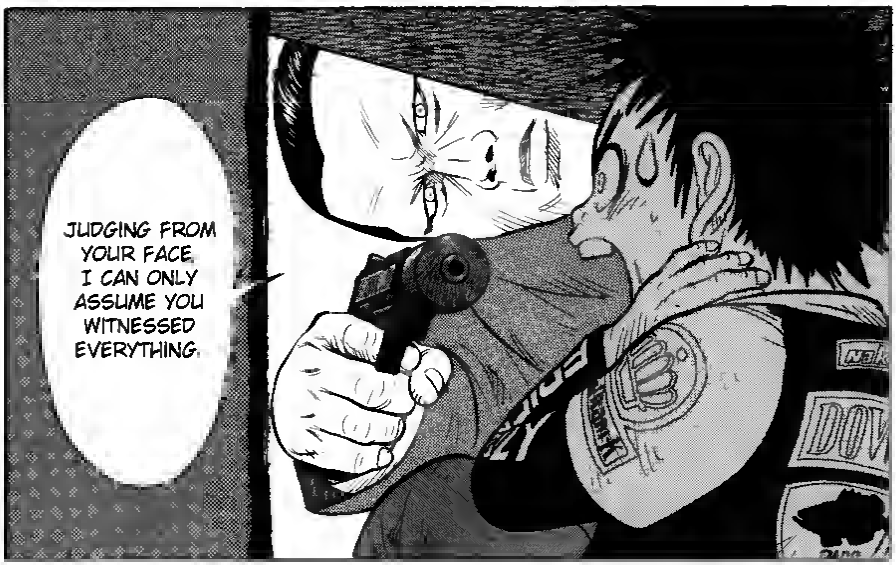

SFX BANG
BLEARGH
SFX SPLAT
バシャ

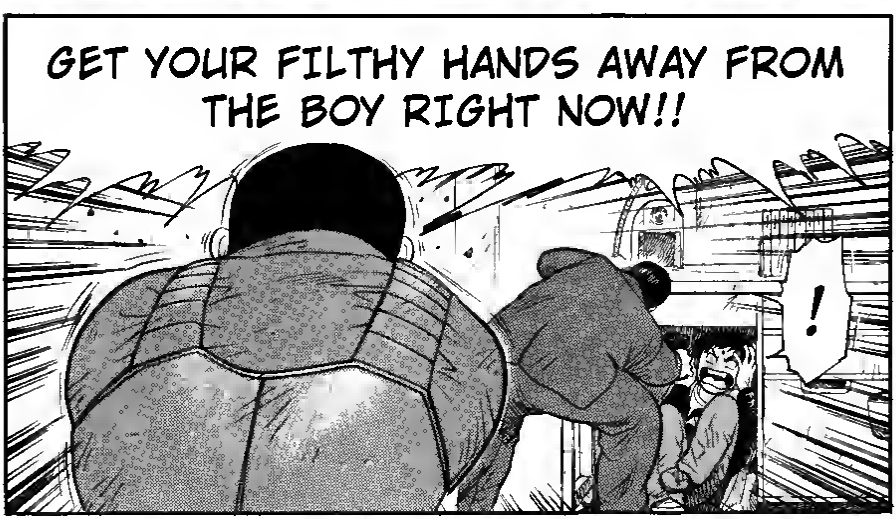
PLAN-NING SUCKS!
UNGH
AHH
HOO
HAHH
MAYBE LOOKING FOR HELP IS MY BEST CHOICE!
I GOTTA CALM DOWN!!
SFX: CLOMP CLOMP
BANG
!
...
OFF-ICER...?
...


SFX. SLUMP
ドサッ
CRAP!!
SFX. TKT..TOK
SFX. HPPT
SFX. TOK TIK
I'M SCREWED ...
A BAD JOKE...
THIS IS...
TH...
SFX. CLAK


SFX: CLK TCK
HOLY SMOKES, I BARELY MADE IT...
SFX: CHAK TPT TKT
BAG LOGO: MARUHATA BAKERY
FRIEN
Happy thirteenth birthday, Riku. Enjoy from your friend at the police box

BAG LOGO: MARUHATA BAKERY
Happy Thirteenth Birthday, Riku Enjoy! From your friend at the police box
I MIXED THE DATES UP...
BELIEVE ME, I DIDN'T FORGET!
BACKGROUND: JIM SO SORRY!
YOU'RE NUTHIN' BUT A DIRTY LIAR!
SCREW YOUR EMPTY PROMISES! I DON'T EVEN WANT CAKE ANY-MORE!


JUDGING FROM YOUR FACE, I CAN ONLY ASSUME YOU WITNESSED EVERYTHING.

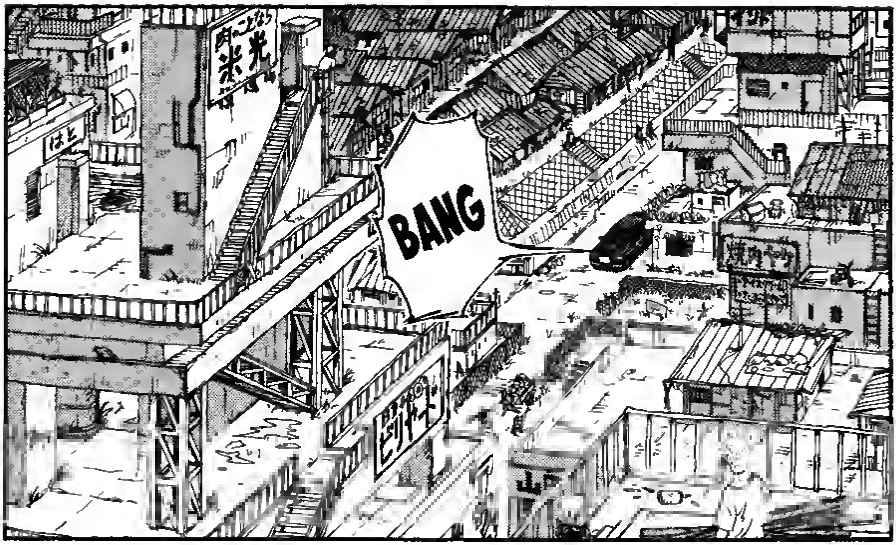

GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS AWAY FROM THE BOY RIGHT NOW!!
!

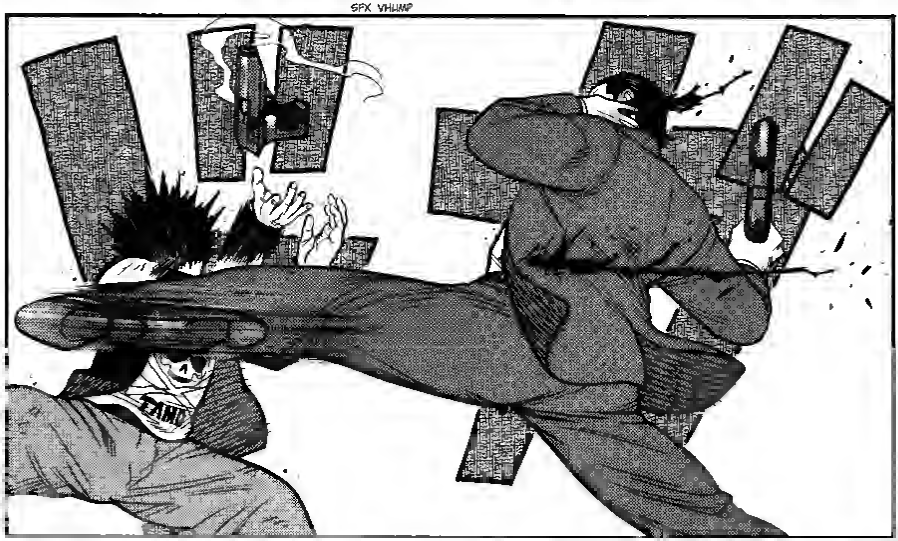
SFX. HMM RRGH AGH
RIKU...
DON'T WOR-RY...
I'M HERE TO SAVE THE DAY...
JUST WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO ACCOM-PLISH?
SFX HAHH UGH
SFX. BANG

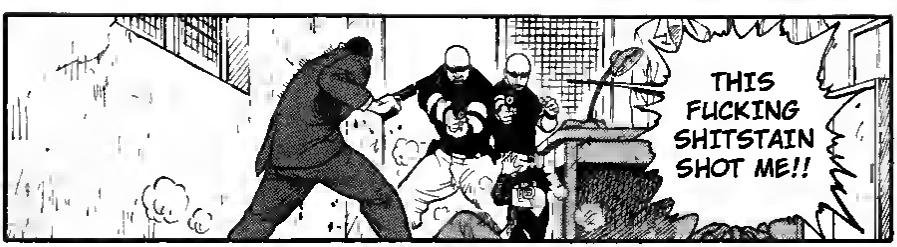
SFX: DWUMP TOK
SFX: AAAH AAAH AAH AAAAAAH!
SFX: FFESS
うわ
うわ
うわ
うわ
I'VE ACTED LIKE A COWARD LONG ENOUGH, BUT, I JUST...
ENOUGH!
...
COME ON...
SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, HELP!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
!!
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!

SPX. WHIP
BACK AWAY FROM MY FRIEND RIGHT NOW!!
FRIENDLY

SFX. VWHOO
SFX. BANG
RRRRR-
RRAAAAA-
AAGGGH-
HHH!!


BANG


SFX: VHUMP


THIS FUCKING SHITSTAIN SHOT ME!!

SFX LEAK
SFX OOZE
AND IN MY FUCKING FACE...
IN THE GUT...
TWICE EVEN!
SFX SLAM
SFX BONG CLENCH
END OF THE LINE!

ONE PULL OF THE TRIGGER'S ENOUGH TO FINISH YOU OFF, BRAT.
YOU MADE A REAL IMPRESSION ON ME TODAY, KID. NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE.
BUT PHYSICALLY
NOT ONLY MENTALLY
BUT FACT REMAINS FACT. YOU'VE GOT A HEART SCORCHED WITH COURAGE.
HOLD ONTO THE EMOTIONS RAMPAGING THROUGH YOUR MIND AND HEART. IF THE TIME COMES FOR YOU TO KILL ME, THEN SO BE IT.
IN EXCHANGE, I'LL DEAL YOU A SPECIAL CARD. ONE WORSE THAN DEATH.

OFF-
ICER!!
SFX KRCHUJKRJKTGH PFF
STAY WITH ME! I'M PHONING THE AMBU-LANCE RIGHT NOW!!
GUESS THAT CAME BACK TO BITE ME BACK...
I HONESTLY BELIEVED THIS PLACE COULD CHANGE....
SFX. JITTERING
IF THEY DON'T SHOW UP IN TIME, I'LL KILL YOU, OPERATOR!!
IT'S REALLY BAD!!
H-HELLO!? I NEED AN AMBULANCE FOR THE NARAKUDANI POLICE BOX IMMEDI-ATELY!
SORRY BUD
!
BITE YOU BACK...?

BRIGHTER TOMOR-ROW...
BELIEVE IN A...
REMEM-BER WHAT I TOLD YOU...
AT LEAST YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, RIKU...
SFX: BADUMP
R-RIGHT!!
!
SFX: KRAKLE
I BETTER DIG RIGHT IN!!
CAKE!!
OH SWEET HEAVEN

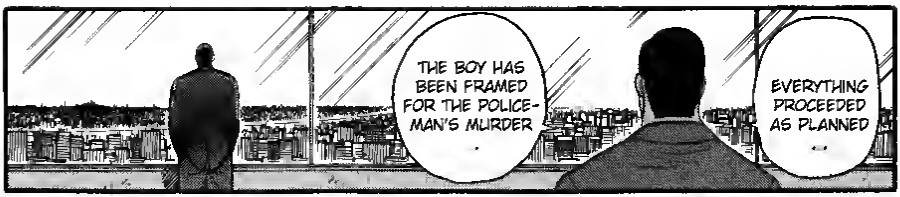
SFX: GOFFLEANUNCHSCARF
IT'S THE BEST CAKE EVER, OFFICER!!
DELISH!!
SO GOOOOOOD!!
I'VE NEVER EATEN SOMETHING THIS SCRUMPTIOUS IN MY WHOLE LIFE!!
OMIGOD!!
THANKS A BUNCH, OFFICER!
GLAD YOU ENJOYED IT...

OFF-
ICER?
!
SFX POMF
FRIEN
STOP STOP
STOP STOP STOP
STOP STOP
STOOOOOOOP
BLEEDING!!
FRIENDLY
BLO-
OD...
FRIEN

SO MUCH BLOOD ...
I'VE GOTTA GET IT BACK INSIDE HIM
I...
SFX: SLOOOSH
SFX: SPLISHSPLISH
SFX: SCRAMBLE
OTHER WAY!
GET BACK HERE!
YOU CAN'T DIE ON ME...
NO, NO, NO...
THE KINDEST... THE TOUGH-EST...
IN THE WHOLE WORLD, YOU'RE...
DOWSER
NO...
JRL-LLL

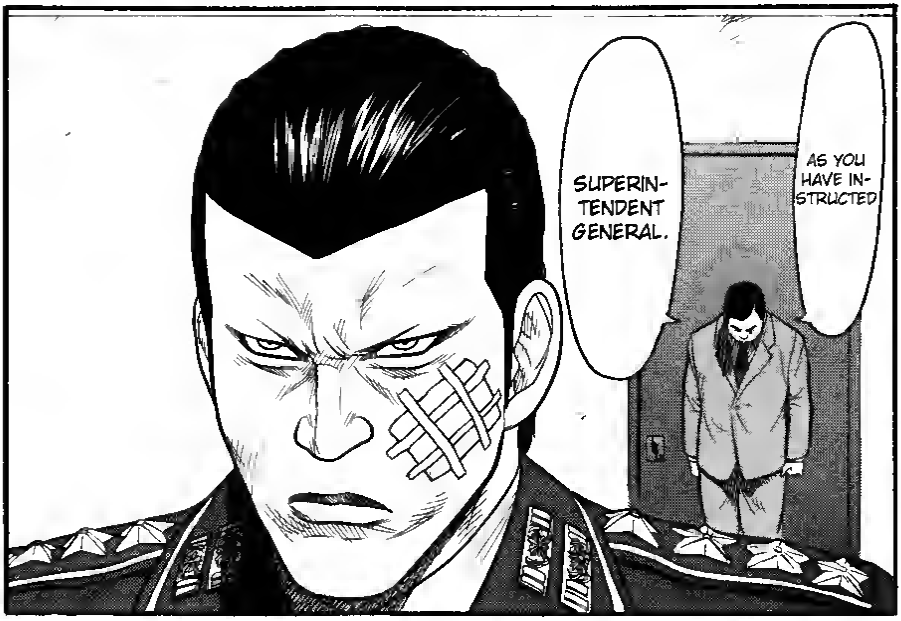
SFX: AAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!
LIKE A REAL FATHER-RRR!!
I EVEN THOUGHT OF YOU
うおおお

SFX: SHUKT
SFX: FWOOOOOOOO
ヒュウウ...
THIRTEEN YEAR OLD COPKILLER!
NEW AGE OF YOUTH OFFENDERS!
KURITA RIKU THE PRIME SUSPECT
GUNNED DOWN IN THE LIGHT OF DAY WITHIN HIS OWN POLICE BOX!
THIS IS COMPLETE RUBBISH!!
SIR...


THE BOY HAS BEEN FRAMED FOR THE POLICE-MAN'S MURDER
EVERYTHING PROCEEDED AS PLANNED

SURVIVAL CAN BECOME A PUNISH-MENT ALL ITS OWN.
UNTIL THE MOMENT OF DEATH, METICULOUSLY CONFINED IN A SARCOPHAGUS OF AGONY AND DEFEAT. A WORSE FATE IS YET TO BE KNOWN TO MAN
SIGN: TOKYO POLICE DEPT
警視庁

SATU-RATED DESPAIR ...
THAT PRISON WILL TAKE HIM TO THE PIN-NACLE OF SUFFER-ING...

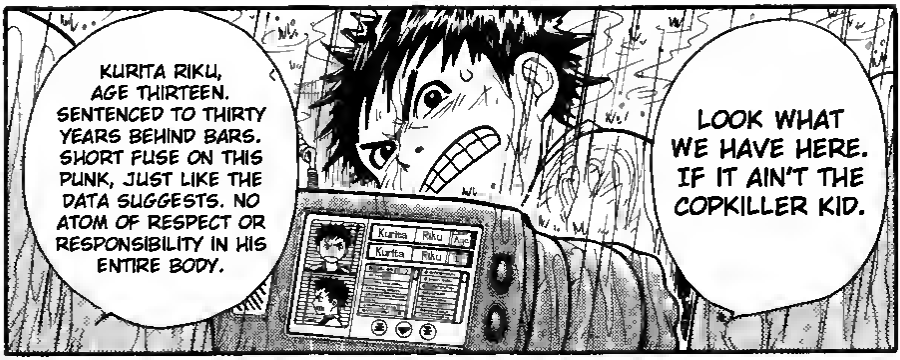

AS YOU HAVE IN-STRUCTED
SUPERIN-TENDENT GENERAL.

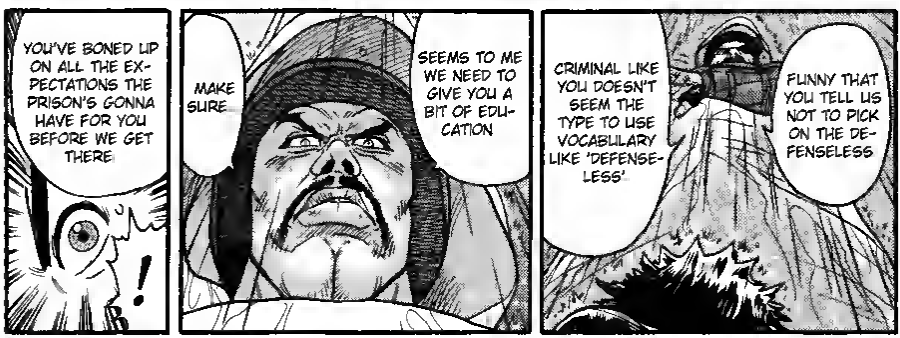
SFX. THONK
ドン
SFX. SLIDE
カッ
SFX. POP
ポン
NEXT!
SFX. GASHLINK
ガシャン
WHY...
FRIENDLY

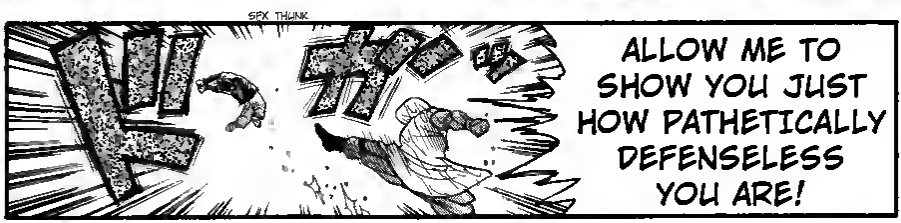
SFX: DOWNHILL DASH
WHY THE HELL AM I BEING BLAMED FOR KILLING MY BEST FRIEND!?
SFX: SHLICK
YOU HAVE BEEN DETERMINED GUILTY OF A SEVERE CRIME. MAGGOTS LIKE YOU NO LONGER HAVE ANY FREEDOM OR RIGHT TO COMPLAIN!!
SFX: BOOT
DWOGH
SILENCE, INFIDEL!!
SFX: RRRRRRMM
GETTING USED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES ON THIS BOAT WILL BE LIKE TRAINING WHEELS FOR SERVING YOUR SENTENCE!!
WHILE BEING ESCORTED TO THE PRISON ON THIS VESSEL, UNTIL OUR ARRIVAL, MISBEHAVIOR OF ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!!

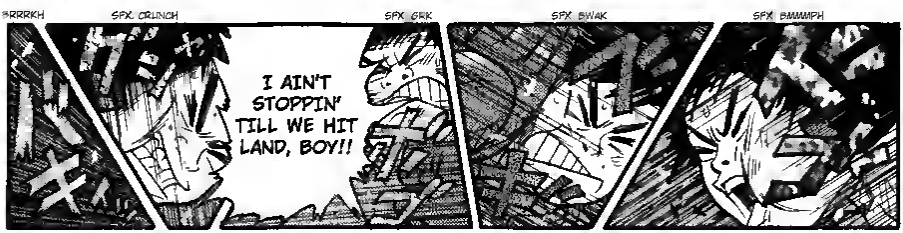
OFF-ICER
SFX: POUR
YOU! OVER THERE!
START WALKING!! SPREAD OUT!!
SFX: FWOOOM
OFF-ICER-RRRRR!!
WATER: ASSIST THE WEAK
!
INSO-LENT WORM!!
SFX: FURRSSHKT
!
ON YOUR FEET, MAGGOT!
NOW!!
OFF-ICER ..?

!
HEY!
QUIT PICKING ON DEFENSELESS PEOPLE, JERKWAD.
SFX: DWOOOF
!!
GRIND
SFX: CRUNCH
SFX: LOWER
SFX: SHIFT, FULL
I REALIZE YOU'RE LIKELY PISSED OFF.
BUT REMEMBER, THERE ARE RULES WE GOTTA FOLLOW.
BEEP
QUITCHER BITCHIN', SPARKY!!
OOOO-OOWW-WWWW

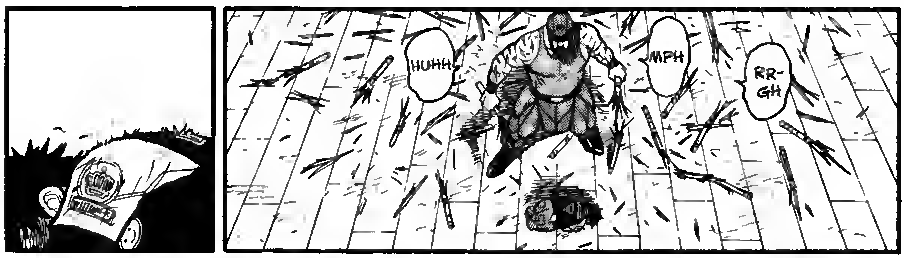

KURITA RIKU, AGE THIRTEEN. SENTENCED TO THIRTY YEARS BEHIND BARS. SHORT FUSE ON THIS PUNK, JUST LIKE THE DATA SUGGESTS. NO ATOM OF RESPECT OR RESPONSIBILITY IN HIS ENTIRE BODY.
LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE. IF IT AIN'T THE COPKILLER KID.


YOU'VE BONED UP ON ALL THE EXPECTATIONS THE PRISON'S GONNA HAVE FOR YOU BEFORE WE GET THERE
!
MAKE SURE
SEEMS TO ME WE NEED TO GIVE YOU A BIT OF EDUCATION
CRIMINAL LIKE YOU DOESN'T SEEM THE TYPE TO USE VOCABULARY LIKE 'DEFENSELESS'
FUNNY THAT YOU TELL US NOT TO PICK ON THE DEFENSELESS


SFX THUNK
ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU JUST HOW PATHETICALLY DEFENSELESS YOU ARE!


SFX RRRRKH
SFX CRUNCH
I AIN'T STOPPIN' TILL WE HIT LAND, BOY!!
SFX GRK
SFX SWAK
SFX BMMMPH

AAAH
GUHH
HAHH
UUUH

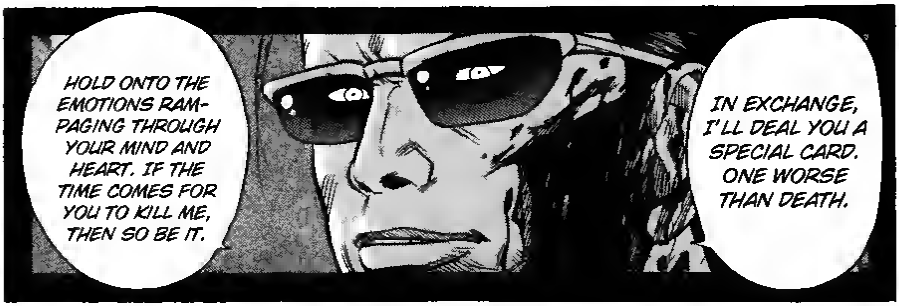


WATER: NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU FIND YOURSELF FLAT ON THE FLOOR, HAVE THE STRENGTH AND HEART TO STAND BACK UP.

BEGIN LANDING PREPERATIONS! I REPEAT, BEGIN LANDING PREPARATIONS!
!
BUT DON'T WORRY, THE BOAT AIN'T DOCKING JUST YET.
FOR A CHEEKY LITTLE PUNK, YOU SURE ARE TOUGH.
くっ...

Please assemble the prisoners in an orderly fashion for immediate departure!!
...
GUESS WE'RE FINALLY LANDING.
RATHER
YOU HELD UP... TIL LANDING.
SFX: GRIND
WHASSA-MATTER?
SFX: KRNCH
!
BOY...
SURRENDERING TO DESPAIR IS THE ONLY AND BEST ADVICE I'LL EVER GIVE YOU...
NO MORE WISE-CRACKS
LEFT IN THAT MELON OF YERS?
DEATH'S A QUICKER RE-LEASE THAN YOUR PRISON SENTENCE!
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THE ONLY CHOICE YOU'VE GOT LEFT IS TO ROT AWAY IN YOUR CELL AND SOAK UP DESPAIR LIKE A GRUNGY OLD MOP.

PARADISE ISLAND
MAXIMUM SECURITY
PRISON
FORTRESS OF
ULTIMATE
DESPAIR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BACKGROUND: BELIEVE IN A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

PRISONER RIKU

TRANSLATOR: STEALTH MOMO

CLEANER: EVIL, RAIN, IKKI

TYPESETTER: SMOKEY

QUALITY CHECKER: STEALTH MOMO, YAZAWA

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